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1. UPI PP QUOTES WESTERN DIPLOMATIC SOURCES THAT NVN HAS INFILTRATED ENOUGH SUPPLIES AND TROOPS TO CARRY OUT SIMULTANEOUS OFFENSIVES IN CAMBODIA AND SVN. IF COMMUNISTS DO LAUNCH EXPECTED OFFENSIVE IN DRYSEASON, IT WOULD LIKELY BE AN EXTENDED ONE, BUT SAME SOURCES SAY FANK HAS SUPPLIES TO WITHSTAND IT (PHINQ).

2. FANK SAYS 30 KI KILLED AS ADDITIONAL VILLAGE TAKEN NEAR PREK AMPIL IN SWEEP ON EAST BANK MEKONG 5 MILES FROM PP (REUTER, NYT; WP; UPI, PHINQ). GKR SPOKESMAN REPORTS FANK RETOOK 2 HILLS OVERLOOKING KOMPONG CHAM AIRPORT (REUTER, NYT; UPI, PHINQ). 5 FANK TROOPS WOUNDED IN CLASH NEAR KOMPONG TRAM WHERE REINFORCEMENTS MOVING TO ISOLATED SRANG. MEKONG CONVOY OF 3 TANKERS, 1 FREIGHTER AND 2 AMMO BARGES REACHES PP SAFELY (REUTER).

3. IN REAFFIRMATION OF SOUVANNA PHOUMA'S LEADERSHIP, LAO NATIONAL ASSEMBLY VOTES TO ACCEPT C-F AND PROTOCOLS TO SET UP COALITION GOVT WITH PL. RIGHT-WINGERS HAD THREATENED WITHHOLDING APPROVAL, BUT ISSUE

NEVER IN SERIOUS DOUBT (WP; UPI, PHINQ).

4. CLARITY IN SAIGON QUOTES PRG SPOKESMAN THAT BIEN HOA ROCKET ATTACK WAS "A PUNISHMENT" FOR ATTACKS AGAINST "LIBERATED ZONE" AND THAT LIKELIHOOD OF FURTHER SIMILAR ATTACKS DEPENDS ON VIOLATIONS BY GVN. CLARITY NOTES THAT USE OF TERMS "ATTACK" AND "PUNISHMENT" SEEMS SHIFT IN TONE FROM EARLIER PRG PRONOUNCEMENTS THAT USUALLY DESCRIBED VC MILITARY ACTIVITIES AS DEFENSIVE. GVN SAID 35 ROCKETS HIT KILLING 2, WOUNDING 22, DESTROYING 3 F-5S AND DEMOLISHING 5 CIVILIAN HOUSES, AND ATTACK WAS "CLEAR EVIDENCE UNCLASSIFIED

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THAT A NEW GENERAL OFFENSIVE IS ON". ARVN CHARACTERIZES ATTACK LESS DRAMATICALLY AS INDICATION THAT COMMUNISTS ARE IN "PROCESS OF PREPARING FOR" GENERAL OFFENSIVE (NYT). MCCOMBS FROM SAIGON NOTES THAT WESTERN DIPLOMATS FOR MOST PART WARN AGAINST ATTRIBUTING TOO MUCH SIGNIFICANCE TO BIEN HOA ATTACK. GVN MFA DENOUNCED IT AS "BLATANT ACT OF WAR" AND OFFICIALS SPECULATE THAT EXPECTED DRY-SEASON OFFENSIVE HAS

BEGUN, BUT DIPLOMATS POINT OUT THAT WHILE COMMUNISTS SEEM TO BE PREPARED FOR GENERAL OFFENSIVE, NO HARD EVIDENCE EXISTS YET THAT HANOI HAS DECIDED TO LAUNCH IT (WP).

5. IN FIRST OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF AIR-RAIDS SINCE C-F, GVN COMMAND SAYS IT ORDERED MORE THAN 50 STRIKES AGAINST MILITARY TARGETS IN LOC NINH AREA IN RETALIATION FOR BIEN HOA ATTACK. SPOKESMAN SAYS ARVN WILL HIT COMMUNISTS "10 TIMES AS HARD" FOR EACH VIOLATION, DENIES COMMUNIST REPORT THAT CIVILIAN AREAS AT LOC NINH HIT (REUTER).

6. MILITARY AND INTELLIGENCE SOURCES SAY THAT NVA TANKS ATTACKED GVN UNIT AND SEIZED CONTROL OF 30-MILE STRETCH OF ROUTE 14 ALONG KHMER BORDER IN QUANG DUC IN CONNECTION WITH COMMUNIST ROAD-BUILDING PROJECT TO LINK VC BORDER ZONES TO ALL-WEATHER ROAD FROM DMZ TO LOC NINH. ROAD HAS TOP COMMUNIST PRIORITY AND IS CONSIDERED SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT MILITARY DEVELOPMENT SINCE C-F BECAUSE IT WILL GIVE VC/NVA REAL MOBILITY FOR FIRST TIME (REUTER).

7. WILLIAMS FROM SAIGON REPORTS THAT C-F LOOKS INCREASINGLY FRAGILE. THIEU PREDICTS FULL-SCALE WAR MAY BE IMMINENT; POLITICAL TALKS BETWEEN OPPOSING SIDES NEVER MATERIALIZED, FIGHTING INCREASES EACH MONTH, AND ICCS POWER HAS DECLINED. SOME OFFICIALS NO LONGER TALK OF WHETHER THERE WILL BE A NEW VC/NVA

OFFENSIVE, BUT WHEN. GVN-COMMUNIST CLASHES NOW ARE REGULARLY AT BATTALION-SIZE LEVEL, INDICATING THAT VC/NVA MOVING IN LARGER UNITS, AND COMMUNISTS UNCLASSIFIED

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WORK DAY AND NIGHT TO BUILD ROAD NETWORK. ARVN SOLDIERS WHO EXPECTED DEMOBILIZATION WITH C-F HAVE HAD HOPES DASHED, PEASANTS ARE CAUGHT BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES, AND UNEMPLOYMENT MOUNTS. SOME DIPLOMATS ARE CONVINCED THAT BOTH SIDES WANT A NEW WAR AND ARE WILLING TO RISK IT (REUTER).

CHINA

8. PRC AMB. LIU WALKED OUT OF KREMLIN RECEPTION MARKING 56TH ANNIVERSARY OF REVOLUTION WHEN KIRILENKO ACCUSED CHINESE LEADERS OF "AGGRESSIVE POLICY" AIMED AT "INCITING THEIR PEOPLE TO HATRED" OF SOVIET. LIU MADE SIMILAR DEPARTURE LAST YEAR (WP).

9. REPORTS SAY IMF, CONCERNED WHETHER PRC IS SERIOUS

ABOUT TAKING PLACE OF GRC IN ORGANIZATION, HAS QUERIED PRC FOR DETAILS ON ITS REQUEST THAT GRC BE OUSTED. SOME US OFFICIALS BELIEVE PEKING MERELY WANTED TO HARASS GRC AND HAS NO INTENTION OF JOINING (AP, LAT NOV. 5).

10. PACIFIC BASIN ECONOMIC COUNCIL PRES. CLARKE TELLS LA EAST-WEST TRADE SEMINAR THAT COMPLETE AND ACCURATE DOCUMENTATION IS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE IN ACCOMPLISHING SATISFACTORY TRADE RELATIONS WITH PRC, BECAUSE CHINA, IN IMPLEMENTING BASICALLY PROTECTIONIST TRADE POLICY, HAS NUMEROUS REGULATIONS COVERING ALL CUSTOMS MATTERS, INCLUDING INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING AND RAIL AND AIR FREIGHT, CARGO IN TRANSIT, AND TOURISM. SAYS PAST EXPERIENCE SHOWS CHINESE ARE FAIR WITH CLAIMS, BANK OF CHINA HAS REPUTATION FOR SCRUPULOUSLY HONORING COMMITMENTS, AND PRC'S REPUTATION FOR MEETING ITS FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS IS AMONG HIGHEST IN WORLD. CONTENTS THAT IN YEARS TO COME, CHINA WILL HAVE LITTLE FOREIGN EXCHANGE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE OF CONSUMER GOODS FROM ABROAD (JOC'S NAMBIEL).

11. TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL'S BURNS, IN PEKING, STRESSES SIMILARITIES IN OUTCOME OF TRUDEAU AND WHITLAM CHINA VISITS. BOTH PMS OBTAINED PRC "AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE" ON DIVIDED CHINESE FAMILIES TO PERMIT UNCLASSIFIED

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EMIGRATION OF MEMBERS. BOTH ALSO WON LONG-TERM AGREEMENTS FOR PRC COMMODITY PURCHASES. DESPITE AGREEMENTS, HOWEVER, STILL APPARENT IN BOTH VISITS THAT THERE ARE SUBSTANTIAL AREAS OF DISAGREEMENT

ON ISSUES BOTH WITHIN AND OUTSIDE EA AREA (CSM).

12. UPI (JOC) CARRIES PROPOSAL OF OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL ECONOMIST BROWN THAT SINO-US SOYBEAN RESEARCH INSTITUTE BE CREATED TO BOOST SOYBEAN PRODUCTION (PREVIOUSLY REPORTED FROM CSM).

13. PHINQ'S WEBSTER FINDS PHILA APPEARANCE OF TAIWAN NATIONAL CHINESE OPERA THEATER DRAMA "TO ENJOY WHOLEHEARTEDLY, WHOLEMINDEDLY" (EARLIER PREVIEWED BY CSM'S ELLIS IN OCT. 19 SUMMARY).

JAPAN

14. WP TOKYO DISPATCH OBSERVES THAT DESPITE "FACE-SAVING" COMPROMISE WITH ROKG OVER KIM TAE-JUNG INCIDENT,

GOJ AUTHORITIES "CONTINUE TO MAKE EMBARRASSING REVELATIONS" ABOUT CASE. NOW JAPANESE POLICE SAY KIDNAP CAR BELONGED TO ROK VICE CONSUL IN YOKOHAMA, AND OVER WEEKEND POLICE DISCLOSED THAT AT LEAST 10 KCIA OPERATIVES HAD ASSEMBLED IN TOKYO HOTEL AUG. 5 TO PLOT KIDNAPPING.

15. REUTER (TOKYO) REPORTS WORLD ENERGY DEVELOPMENT CO. SAID TUESDAY THAT TWO JAPANESE FIRMS -- C. ITOH TRADING CO. AND ORIENTAL PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT CO. -- HAVE REACHED SEPARATE AGREEMENTS WITH DRV ON JOINT EXPLORATION OF UNDERSEA OIL RESOURCES IN TONKIN BAY.

16. JAPAN TOLD BY SAUDI ARABIA TO BREAK DIPLOMATIC AND ECON TIES WITH ISRAEL IF GOJ HOPES TO GAIN MOST-FAVORED STATUS IN REGARD TO ARAB OIL SUPPLIES, MIDDLE EAST ECONOMY SURVEY REPORTS (AP, SUN). JAPAN AND EEC URGED ISRAEL TUESDAY TO MEET SOME POLITICAL TERMS OF ARAB OIL PRODUCERS (JOC'S HOWARD; WSJ).
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JOC'S CULLISON REPORTS THAT PRESENT ARAB OIL PRODUCTION SLASHES COULD SOON REDUCE OUTPUT OF JAPAN'S KEY INDUSTRIES BY 10 PERCENT AND SLOWDOWN MAY REACH 20 PERCENT BY SPRING.

17. CULLISON FINDS JAPANESE DOCKWORKERS SHOWING LITTLE ENTHUSIASM FOR NATIONAL STRIKE. JOC (TOKYO) REPORTS THAT ACCORDING TO GOJ NOTIFICATION GIVEN TOKYO SECURITIES FIRMS, RESTRICTIONS ON PURCHASES OF JAPANESE STOCKS BY FOREIGNERS HAVE BEEN LIFTED BY FINANCE MINISTRY BECAUSE OF DEPLETION OF OFFICIAL FOREIGN EXCHANGE RESERVES.

18. GOJ SAYS IT WILL GRANT FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO PRIVATE BRAZILIAN CONCERNS (WSJ). JAPANESE MOTOR INDUSTRY SEEN ESTABLISHING ITSELF IN SCOTLAND TO MANUFACTURE FOR EUROPEAN MARKET (JOC).

THAILAND

19 POLICE AND MILITARY OFFICIALS DESCRIBE AS ONE OF WORST INCIDENTS IN 8 YEARS OF INSURGENCY, SUNDAY'S SLAYING OF 30 SOLDIERS AND MILITAMEN IN COMMUNIST-LED AMNUSH 270 MILES NE OF BANGKOK (UPI WP, NYT).

PHILIPPINES

20. MARCOS ISSUES DIRECTIVES ON ENERGY PROBLEM.

GOP WILL CUT BACK ON SALE OF FUEL TO FOREIGN AIRLINES AND SHIPS. FOREIGN OFFICE DIRECTED TO TALK WITH US OFFICIALS ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF REDUCING SALE OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND ELECTRICAL POWER TO US BASES (UPI, JOC). GOP OFFICES ORDERED TO TURN OFF AIR CONDITIONERS TO HELP WARD OFF ENERGY CRISIS (UPI, WP).

21. TRADE SEC. QUIAZON REPORTS GOP HAS REGISTERED FAVORABLE BALANCE OF 14.6 MILLION DOLLARS (US) IN TRADE WITH SOCIALIST COUNTRIES SINCE RELAXATION OF ANTI-COMMUNIST POLICY 18 MONTHS AGO (UPI, JOC).
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INDONESIA

22. PERTAMINA SAYS GOI MAY INCREASE OIL EXPORTS TO US BY ABOUT 20,000 BARRELS PER DAY AFTER DEDICATION OF NEW KASSIM OIL FIELD NEXT WEEK (UPI, JOC).

AUSTRALIA

23. IN LETTER TO INTERIOR SEC. MORTON, FUND FOR ANIMALS REP CHARGES KANGAROO SLAUGHTER IN AUSTRALIA THREATENS THEIR SURVIVAL. FUND RENEWS PLEA THAT US IMPOSE GENERAL BAN ON IMPORTS OF KANGAROO HIDES BY DECLARING SOME KANGAROOS ENDANGERED SPECIES (AP WP, NYT).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

24. LAT'S ELEGANT (NOV. 5) IN HONG KONG NOTES DIVERSITY OF RESPONSE TO EXHORTATION BY POWERFUL CCP DISSIDENT GROUP TO "MASSES" TO "GO AGAINST THE TIDE" IN OPPOSING POLICIES OF THE CCP AND GOVERNMENT. OBSERVES THAT FEW PROVINCES HAVE ENDORSED THE EXTREMIST CONCEPT IN PRINCIPLE, WITH MOST REWRITING - AND TONING DOWN - THE BASIC DIRECTIVE ISSUED, IT IS CLAIMED, WITH APPROVAL OF MAO HIMSELF. PROVINCIAL LEADERS MUST ADMINISTER CHINA'S DAY-TO-DAY AFFAIRS, AND THEY KNOW THAT EXTREMISTS ARE TRYING TO STIR UP A MASS REVOLT WHICH WOULD MAKE ORDERLY GOVERNMENT ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE. ELEGANT ASSERTS THAT "TIDAL WAVE NOW RISING" FIRST BECAME VISIBLE LAST AUGUST WITH ENACTMENT OF NEW CONSTITUTION WHICH INCLUDED STATEMENTS SANCTIONING "THEORY OF CONTINUING REVOLUTION UNDER THE DICTATORSHIP OF THE PROLETARIAT." OBSERVING THAT WHILE THE STATEMENT COULD BE TAKEN AS A DECLARA-

TION OF ABSTRACT PRINCIPLE, NO. 3 PARTY MAN, WANG HUNG-WEN, CHOSE TO INTERPRET IT AS A CALL TO IMMEDIATE ACTION, AND IMPLICITLY, TO REVOLT AGAINST MODERATE GOVERNMENT AND POLICIES OF CHOU. CHOU, ON OTHER HAND, CHOSE TO INTERPRET STATEMENTS QUITE UNCLASSIFIED

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DIFFERENTLY; THEY WERE, HE INDICATED, INTENDED TO CONVEY THAT DISSENT WAS POSSIBLE WITHIN PARTY STRUCTURE. ACCORDING TO ELEGANT, AUTHORITATIVE ANALYSTS SAY THAT LOCAL AUTHORITIES ARE AWARE OF "THE DANGER THAT THIS SLOGAN (GO AGAINST THE TIDE) WILL BECOME A BANNER UNDER WHICH DISCONTENTED ELEMENTS CAN DEFY AUTHORITY AND ENGAGE IN REBELLION." NOTES THAT WITH VERY FEW EXCEPTIONS, PROVINCIAL AUTHORITIES HAVE STRESSED THAT MOVEMENT MUST BE CONDUCTED "WITH DISCIPLINE AND MUST GO AGAINST THE INCORRECT TIDE." INSERTING THE WORD "INCORRECT" IS A HIGHLY SIGNIFICANT VARIATION OF ORIGINAL VERSION, WHICH SANCTIONED ALMOST ALL RESISTANCE. MOST PROVINCES, FOLLOWING CHOU, ALSO MADE ONE OTHER EMENDATION: THEY INSISTED THAT POLICIES OF MAO WERE ALWAYS CORRECT, THOUGH THE CP ITSELF MIGHT ERR. THEY FURTHER NOTE THAT MAO HAD 10 TIMES OPPOSED THE PARTY LINE - ALWAYS CORRECTLY, BUT "WITH DISCIPLINE." DESPITE GENERALLY DEFENSIVE REACTION AT PROVINCIAL LEVEL, EXTREMISTS ARE PRESSING THE "AGAINST THE TIDE" MOVEMENT, AND IT COULD EXPLODE INTO A MAJOR STRUGGLE IF THEY FIND SUFFICIENT ALLIES AMONG THE DISCONTENTED AND AMONG THE PREPONDERANT MILITARY. PLA IS UNDER INTERNAL STRAIN AND SOME GENERALS MAY JOIN LEFTISTS. ELEGANT

SAYS MOVEMENT WILL NOT SUBSIDE WITHOUT MAJOR DISRUPTIONS; CALLS CHIANG CH'ING LEADER OF THE EXTREMISTS, COMMANDING ENORMOUS PRESTIGE OF MAO'S NAME.

25. NYT'S LELYVELD IN HONK KONG REPORTS THAT CHINESE CITIES STAGED RALLIES LAST WEEK TO FAREWELL CITY YOUTHS BEING SHIPPED TO LABOR ON "FRONT LINE OF AGRICULTURE." YOUTHS ARE EQUIVALENT OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADS, ABOUT 17 YEARS OF AGE. ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL ESTIMATE DISCLOSED IN ANHWEI BROADCAST LAST SPRING, MORE THAN 7 MILLION HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED FROM CITIES TO COUNTRYSIDE SINCE 1968; ANALYSTS IN HONG KONG PUT THE NUMBER AT MORE UNCLASSIFIED

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THAN 15 MILLION. SEND-OFFS LAST WEEK WERE THREE MONTHS LATE; DELAY DESIGNED TO GIVE AUTHORITIES TIME TO TRY TO ALLEVIATE HARSH LIVING CONDITIONS AND ABUSES ENDURED BY PREDECESSORS. ACCORDING TO REPORTS, A NUMBER OF PERSONS FOUND GUILTY OF CRIMES AGAINST THE "EDUCATED YOUTHS" - RAPE, FOR EXAMPLE - HAVE BEEN EXECUTED IN ORDER TO SHOW THAT MAO WAS IN EARNEST WHEN HE PROMISED TO ELIMINATE ABUSES IN THE PROGRAM, INCLUDING SYSTEMATIC DISCRIMINATION IN MATTERS OF PAY, HOUSING AND ADMISSION TO COMMUNIST YOUTH LEAGUE. MAO SEES RUSTICATION CAMPAIGN AS A WAY TO OVERCOME THE GAP IN LIVING STANDARDS BETWEEN COUNTRYSIDE AND CITIES; TO ELIMINATE THE DEEP CLEAVAGE IN CHINESE SOCIETY BETWEEN THOSE WHO WORK WITH THEIR HANDS AND THOSE WHO WORK WITH THEIR MINDS; TO INJECT MODERNIZING IDEAS INTO RURAL AREAS; AND TO KEEP A REVOLUTIONARY SPIRIT ALIVE. THERE HAVE BEEN PERSISTENT REPORTS THAT CAMPAIGN ROUSED RESENTMENT AMONG YOUTHS AND THEIR FAMILIES, AND COMMUNIST OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN ACCUSED OF PULLING STRINGS TO KEEP THEIR OWN CHILDREN AT HOME. BY LAST WEEK REPORTS OF ABUSES ON COMMUNES HAD STOPPED; THE PRESS CONCENTRATED, INSTEAD, ON EMPHASIZING REVOLUTIONARY ZEAL OF THE "EDUCATED YOUNG PEOPLE."

26. FROM "A MILITARY HEADQUARTERS, NORTH CHINA," NYT'S SULZBERGER DESCRIBES EXTENT PRC IS PREPARING FOR THE CONTINGENCY THAT USSR MIGHT INVADE CHINA - IN TERMS OF PROPAGANDA, TUNNELING NETWORKS, MILITARY FORCE, DISTRIBUTION OF FOOD SUPPLIES, AND HIGH PRIORITY CHINA PLACES ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS PROGRAMS. NOTES THAT WHILE THERE HAS BEEN A

PERCEPTIBLE INCREASE OF USSR FORCES STATIONED NEAR CHINA'S BORDERS, PLA IS IN NO SPECIAL STATE OF ALERT. SULZBERGER'S "HUNCH" IS THAT MOSCOW WILL NOT INVADE UNLESS RUSSIAN POLICYMAKERS ARE TEMPTED BY POSSIBILITY OF AN UNSTABLE SITUATION IN PRC.

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27. S-N (NOV. 6) REGARDS ME PROBLEMS TO BE PRE-EMINENT AMONG CURRENT US FOREIGN POLICY CONCERNS;

HENCE VIEWS SECRETARY'S TRIP TO IRAN, PAKISTAN, CHINA, AND JAPAN, FOLLOWING MISSION TO ARAB STATES, AS POSSIBLY SPREADING HIS TALENTS AS PEACE BROKER TOO THIN. "IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN WISER TO CONCENTRATE ON ONE PROBLEM AT A TIME," SAYS S-N.

28. NYT'S GENE SMITH COVERS PERTAMINA CHIEF IBNU SUTOWO'S NY NEWS CONFERENCE. IBNU ASSERTED INDONESIA HAS POTENTIAL TO DOUBLE PRESENT DAILY OIL PRODUCTION OF 1.3 MILLION BARRELS "IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS" AND THAT ABOUT 800 MILLION DOLLARS WOULD BE SPENT IN 1974 ON EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF INDO OIL RESERVES. HE HOPED THAT INDONESIA WOULD BE PRODUCING 1.5 MILLION BARRELS DAILY BY END OF 1973. SAID THAT ABOUT 40 PERCENT OF TOTAL PRODUCTION WAS GOING TO FOREIGN OIL COMPANIES - "ALMOST ALL OF THEM UNITED STATES COMPANIES" - AND THAT MUCH OF THE INCREASED PRODUCTION COULD GO TO THE US "IF THE OIL COMPANIES SO DESIRE." IN PREPARED TEXT OF ADDRESS MARKING SIXTH ANNIVERSARY OF PERTAMINA OFFICE IN NY, HE CHARGED THAT IN CONTEXT OF US ENERGY CRISIS, INDONESIA IS LARGELY OVERLOOKED AND FORGOTTEN, THOUGH IT IS EIGHTH LARGEST OIL EXPORTING NATION; ASKS GOVERNMENT, PRESS, AND BUSINESSMEN TO THINK OF INDONESIA NOT ONLY IN TERMS OF OIL BUT IN TERMS OF BUSINESS INVESTMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES AS WELL. IN REPLY TO A QUESTION, SUTOWO SAID ARAB STATES HAD MADE NO EFFORT TO SEEK INDONESIAN OIL BOYCOTT AGAINST THE US AND DENIED THAT INDONESIA WOULD USE OIL AS A POLITICAL WEAPON. HE ALSO "SAW NO REASON WHY AMERICAN CAPITAL SHOULD EXPECT WE WOULD EXPROPRIATE THEIR PROPERTIES IN THE FUTURE."

29. IN LETTER TO WP EDITOR, CHARLES MURRAY, A PHD CANDIDATE WHO SPENT SIX YEARS IN THAILAND, OBSERVES SENTIMENT IN THAILAND FOR GENUINE NON-UNCLASSIFIED

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ALIGNMENT, AND NO PARTICULAR SOVIET AND CHINESE

INTEREST IN REPLACING THE US AS THAILAND'S PATRON. SEES THESE CONDITIONS AS PROVIDING UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO MAKE GRACEFUL EXIT FROM THAILAND. SCENARIO CALLS FOR TACIT ARRANGEMENT AMONG USSR, PRC, US AND CHINA WHEREBY US WOULD KEEP RESIDUAL PRESENCE AT SATTAHIP BUT EXTRICATE ITSELF FROM BILATERAL

COMMITMENTS ACQUIRED DURING INDOCHINA WAR; FOR THEIR PART, THE USSR AND CHINA MIGHT UNDERTAKE TO DAMPEN OUTSIDE SUPPORT FOR THE INSURGENCY. SAYS THIS IS A VERY TEMPORARY OPPORTUNITY. AS LONG AS THE MILITARY HELD ON DESPITE GROWING PUBLIC OPPOSITION, US WAS UNDERSTANDABLY RELUCTANT TO UPSET THE POLITICAL BALANCE. NOW, THANKFULLY, THE STUDENTS HAVE DONE IT FOR US. WE HAVE A FEW MONTHS IN WHICH TO GIVE NOTICE TO THE GENERALS THAT WE ARE GOING TO DISENGAGE NO MATTER WHO IS IN POWER - SMOOTHLY AND WITH HELPFUL DIPLOMACY IF THE CIVILIANS STAY IN OFFICE, OR ABRUPTLY AND UNILATERALLY IF THE MILITARY INTERFERES. ONE THING IS CERTAIN, IF STATE DEPARTMENT SITS TIGHT, THE GENERALS WILL BE BACK AND CHANCE FOR GRACEFUL EXIT WILL BE GONE, IN WHICH CASE WE CAN EXPECT A PROLONGED CYCLE OF RESISTANCE AND REPRESSION, WITH INSURGENCY IN THE COUNTRYSIDE AND THE US EMBARRASSINGLY COMMITTED. RUSH

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